UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re: BEECH-NUT NUTRITION COMPANY

**BABY FOOD LITIGATION** 

Master File No. 1:21-CV-00133-DNH-

This Document Relates To: ALL ACTIONS

STIPULATION AND ORDER TO SET BRIEFING SCHEDULE

WHEREAS the Court previously ordered that the then-pending related actions filed against

Defendant Beech-Nut Nutrition Company ("Defendant") be consolidated pursuant to Fed. R. Civ.

P. 42(a) and allowed for any actions subsequently filed, removed, or transferred to this Court to be

consolidated (the "Consolidated Actions") (ECF No. 55, ¶¶1, 4);

WHEREAS the Court ordered that Erin Green Comite of Scott+Scott Attorneys at Law

LLP and Steven L. Bloch of Silver Golub & Teitell LLP be appointed as Co-Lead Interim Counsel

for Plaintiffs and the putative Class, and that E. Stewart Jones Hacker Murphy, LLP be appointed

as Interim Liaison Counsel for Plaintiffs and the putative Class (ECF No. 167);

WHEREAS Co-Lead Interim Counsel contemplate filing and serving a Consolidated

Amended Class Action Complaint ("Consolidated Complaint");

WHEREAS the Court ordered that Defendant need not answer, move, or otherwise respond

to any Consolidated Complaint until sixty days following service of the Consolidated Complaint,

or May 15, 2021, whichever is later (ECF No. 55, ¶5);

NOW THEREFORE, Plaintiffs and Defendant through their respective counsel and subject

to the Court's approval stipulate that:

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- 1. The Court shall consolidate the case captioned Abbott v. Beech-Nut Nutrition Company, Inc., Case No. 1:21-cv-822-DNH-CFH (N.D.N.Y. filed July 19, 2021) into Master File No. 1:21-CV-00133-DNH-CFH as contemplated in docket entry 11 in the *Abbott* case;
  - 2. Plaintiffs shall file a Consolidated Complaint on June 24, 2022;
- 3. Defendant agrees to accept service of the Consolidated Complaint upon its e-filing on Pacer in Master File No. 1:21-CV-00133-DNH-CFH or on June 24, 2022, whichever is later, and shall answer, move, or otherwise respond to the Consolidated Complaint on August 29, 2022;
- Should Defendant file a motion to dismiss, Plaintiffs will file their brief in 4. opposition on October 10, 2022 and Defendant will file its reply brief on November 7, 2022. IT IS SO STIPULATED.

Dated: May 2, 2022 Respectfully submitted,

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IT IS SO ORDERED:

David N. Hurd

U.S. District Judge

5-4-2022

Dated: